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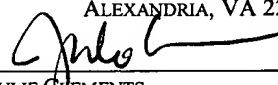
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PETITION FOR LATE ENTRY OF PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6)

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits this Petition for Late Entry of Priority Claim Under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6) for the above-referenced Non-Provisional patent application, and respectfully petitions the Commissioner for entry of the Preliminary Amendment, both attached hereto, to establish the Priority Claim in this NonProvisional patent application.

Applicant further respectfully submits that the Non-Provisional Patent Application referenced above is a conversion of, and claims priority to, United States Provisional Patent

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PETITION FOR LATE ENTRY OF PRIORITY CLAIM

Application number 60/269,051, filed February 15, 2001, entitled "Electronic Business Entity for Medical Practice", by Mohamed M. Haq, a copy of which, with related documentation, is attached for the convenience of the Office.

Applicant failed to claim priority to this Provisional patent application on the Declaration and in the Specification of the converted NonProvisional patent application, as required under 35 U.S.C. §119(e). Applicant respectfully submits that this oversight, which extended from June 15, 2002 (sixteen months from the filing date of the provisional application) to the present, was unintentional.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(5)(i), also filed concurrently herewith is a Preliminary Amendment to amend the Specification to include a new section entitled, "Cross-Reference to Related Application."

As this Petition is being filed more than four (4) months after the filing date of Non-Provisional patent application referenced above, and more than sixteen (16) months after the filing date of the Provisional patent application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith check #864584 for the Petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t) in the amount of \$1,330.00.


SUMMARY

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the Priority claim, or in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail, as below.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due in association with the filing of this Petition. However, should the Commissioner deem any fees are due, including any fees for any extensions of time, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to debit any fees due from Baker Botts L.L.P. **Deposit Account Number 02-0383, Order Number 069089.0103.**

Respectfully submitted,

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